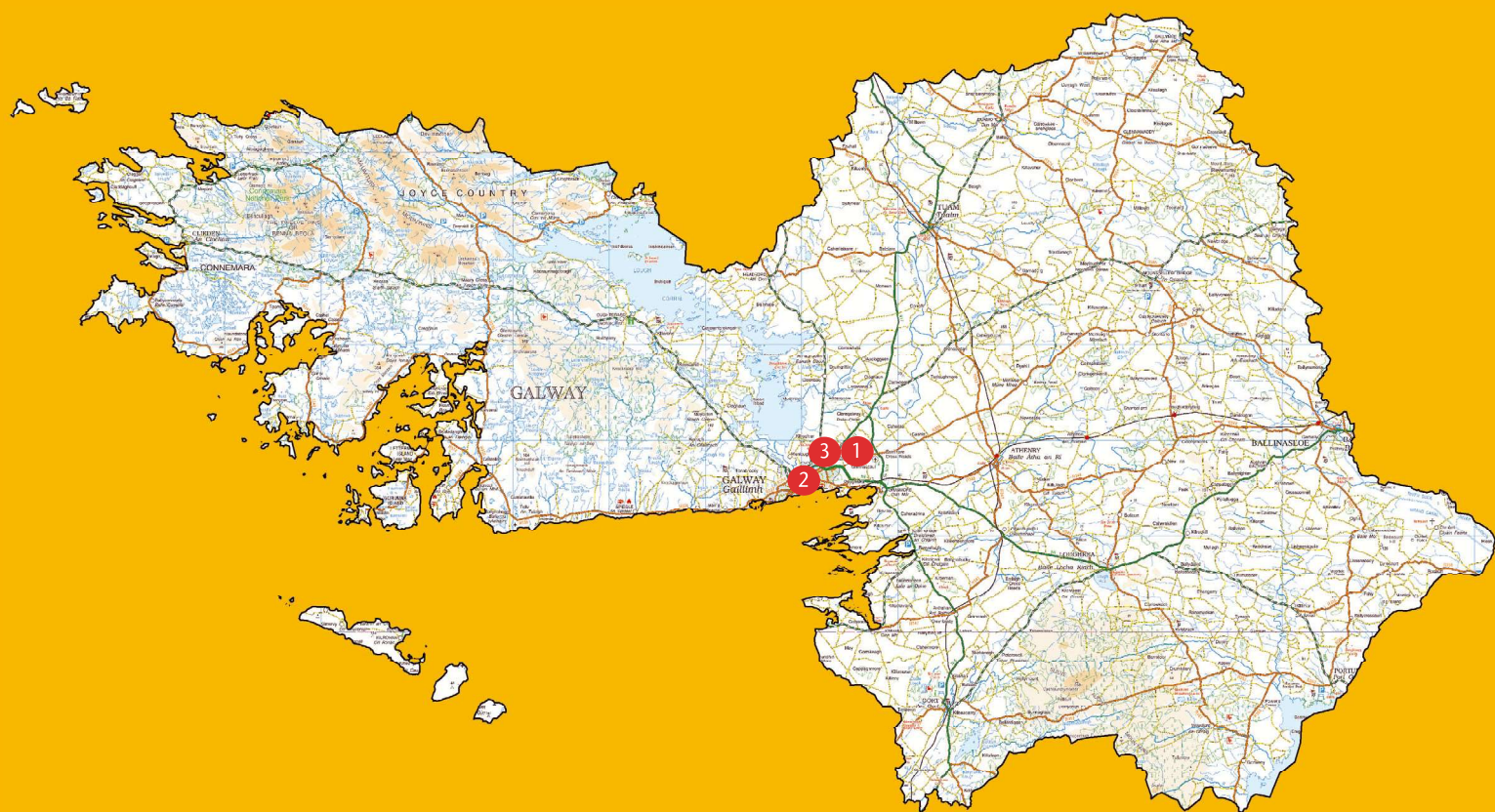


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ESB SUBSTATION & DEPOT

Moneenageisha



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Summary

The property is located next to a four-storey office building on the outskirts of Galway City and comprises a three-bay garage, a store building and an original Siemens designed substation building. The main access is off Moneenageisha Road through metal security gates. There is also direct access onto Tuam Road. The property was acquired in 1948 and construction was carried out in the intervening years.

Description & Materials

There are three single storey buildings located on the site in addition to a galvanised steel pylon, underground fuel tanks and a transformer yard next to the substation. The corner boundary of the site is enclosed by a dry coursed local stone wall 1.2m high with precast concrete capping. The remainder of the site is enclosed by a concrete block wall approximately 3m high.

Substation

An original Siemens substation building is located next to the transformer enclosure. It comprises a detached single storey pitched roof building of rectangular plan finished in painted render. The façades are expressed as a series of multi-bay panels of differing proportions. The large order composition is articulated by deep render bands and

pilasters capped with a strong entablature and pediment to the gable, all of which echo a 'stripped classicism' temple aesthetic. This 'standardised' substation design was developed by Siemens and used widely throughout Ireland.

The site is enclosed on two sides by roads and occupies a total area of 0.18ha (0.46 acres).

Depot Building

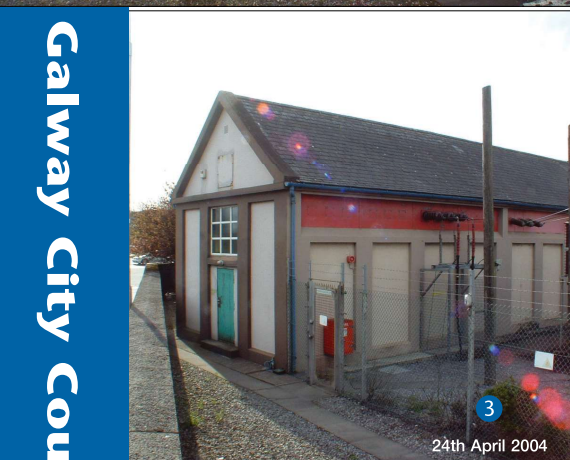
A three-bay single storey building on a rectangular plan with a gross floor area of 168m² located at the front entrance to the site. The front of the main garage building faces southeast and has access directly onto Moneenageisha Road. The three garages are accessed through timber sliding doors. The building comprises concrete blockwork construction with a steel structure supporting a corrugated asbestos clad roof. The floor is of cast in-situ concrete slab.

Store

The store building is a flat roofed rectangular building with a gross floor area of 56m². The external treatment consists of a roughcast finish to the mass concrete walls, timber windows and a brickwork finish to the corner bay and a timber fascia.

Special Interest - Architectural

This is one of many Siemens designed substations throughout Ireland. The design is simple and classical in composition. The stations are very distinctive and resemble small temples in appearance. Some have been restored externally using distinctive colours for their primary elements. They have remained largely unchanged externally since their original construction. The first station was built at Ardnacrusha c1929.



1. View of Main Entrance. 2. Substation Gable Elevation to Road. 3. Side View of Substation and Compound. 4. View of Store Building.



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ESB RETAIL SHOP

Newtownsmythe

Date Of Survey: 23rd June 2003



Summary

The premises consists of an ESB retail shop, an unused ESB area depot office, stores and maintenance buildings grouped around a service yard.

The property originally served as the ESB District Offices & Depot for Galway, which was superseded by the construction of the Seán Mulvoy Road complex in 1974. Since that time the site has been sold and ESB lease the current retail shop premises. The four-storey warehouse building dates from the late 19th Century with the remaining buildings dating from c.1940/1950.

Description & Materials

The building complex consists of an assemblage of four-storey, two-storey and single storey buildings, with an enclosed service yard to one side and entrance gates directly off the main road. The shop occupies a portion of the ground floor and consists of a large open-plan showroom with staff accommodation to the side. The shop-front is composed of stone facing and smooth unpainted render with fine steel lettering to the ESB main sign.

The wall finishes consist of white smooth render, capped generally by

parapets to the front with slated pitched roofs behind. The general appearance is modern, echoing the international style. This is reinforced by the metal windows and treatment of the shop frontage and service yard entrance gates in particular.

Internally there is an attractive modern staircase finished in terrazzo with balustrade consisting of steel horizontal flats and a timber handrail. The balustrading and terrazzo solid stringer, finish in a feature circular turn at the bottom.

Special Interest - Historical

There is an inscribed stone plaque inserted into the wall beside the shop entrance. The inscription consists of a cross with serifs with the letters IHS at the base and the date 1816. There appears to be a signature B. O'J in the lower right-hand side.

Originally there was a water turbine at the rear of the premises that operated directly off the man-made watercourse. This turbine produced electricity for the complex. No trace exists now of the turbine equipment.



1. Elevation to Street. 2. Shop Elevation. 3. Stair Detail. 4. Former Service Yard.

ESB OFFICES, DEPOT AND STORES

Sean Mulvoy Road



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Summary

The development is a large modern premises consisting of an ESB office building, store building, maintenance workshops, ancillary buildings, fuel depot, carparking and stores areas grouped around a service yard.

This property was built in 1974 as a new district headquarters to replace the functions of the ESB complex at Newtownsmythe, which had outgrown its use.

Description & Materials

The building complex consists of a two-storey main office building with projecting entrance canopy linked to the maintenance and ancillary service buildings by a long brick spine wall. At rooftop level there is partial third storey consisting of a plant enclosure. Wall finishes to the main office building and workshop building consist of chocolate brown brick with brown mortar to the ground floor and exposed aggregate precast panels to the first floor and

entrance canopy. Windows are aluminium with bronze finish.

To the rear there is a separate large stores building and a freestanding fuel depot building

The Stores Building has enamelled pressed steel panels to the upper areas and canopy.

The fuel depot is a steel and glass structure with overhanging flat roof canopy supported by exposed steel corner stanchions.

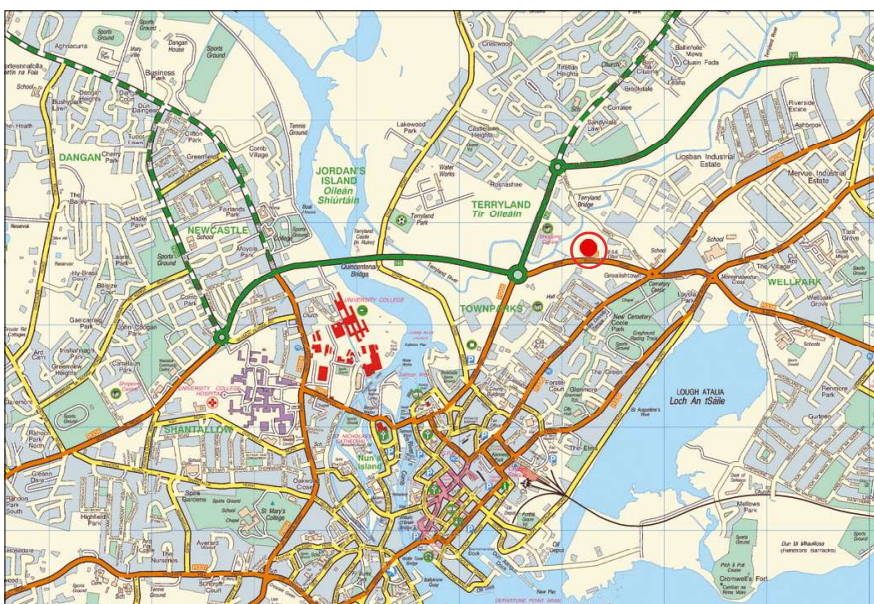
There is staff and visitor car parking to the Sean Mulvoy Road frontage and a large stores and service yard to the rear. The site is well landscaped, the main boundary treatment of chocolate brown brick wall and palisade security fencing. There is a stand of flagpoles near the main entrance and a distinctive set of 1970s style painted steel vehicular and pedestrian gates separating the public car park area from the staff areas at the rear.



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1. Elevation of Office Building to Sean Mulvoy Road. 2. General View of Front Entrance. 3. Landscaped Court. 4. Garage.

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Sean Mulvoy Road

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Special Interest - Architectural

The fuel depot is a very distinctive steel and glass composition with flat roof canopy in 1930s 'Bauhaus' style.

A curvilinear main staircase consists of timber hardwood threads and continuous aluminium balustrade with a large Connemara marble wall backdrop with inbuilt clock at first floor level.

There is a brass inlay commissioning plaque behind the stairs at ground floor level in Irish and English.

The Architects were Bowman & Quaid. The builder was M. McNamara & Co. Ltd., Lisdoonvarna, Co. Clare.

Special Interest - Artistic

A freestanding steel industrial sculpture by Edward Delaney is found inside the main entrance gates. The structure is painted cobalt blue and set in a hard landscape base of large pebbles set in concrete.



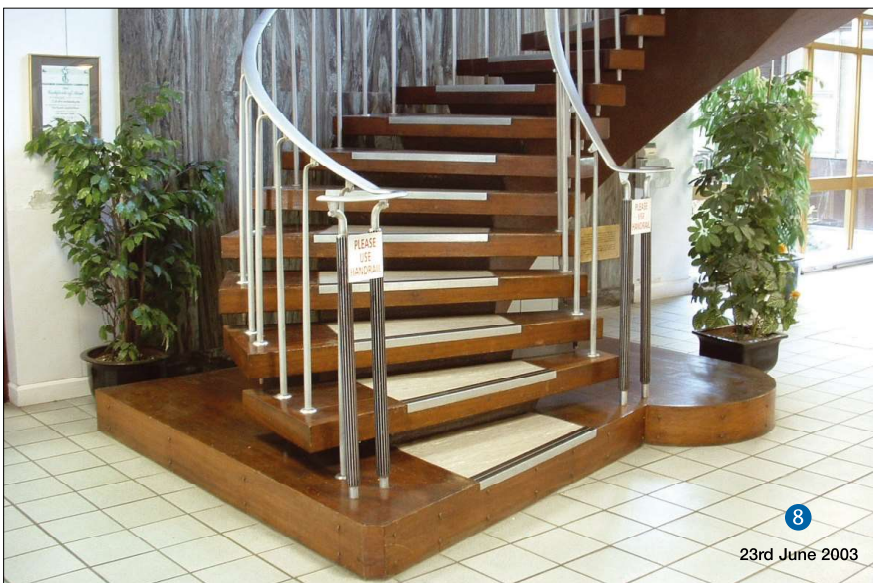
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5. View of Service Yard and Stores Building. 6. Fuel Depot Building. 7. Sculpture by Edward Delaney. 8. Feature Staircase to Main Entrance Reception 9. Elevation of Rear of Office Building to Service Yard.